



THE 2013 VINTAGE

Expectations were high for the 2013 vintage, following the success of 2012, and Mother Nature did not disappoint. Warm spring weather led to an early bloom, and the lack of rainfall during the period allowed for good set. Moderate weather prolonged the growing season, and the grapes delivered beautiful flavors and mature tannins.

WINEMAKING

The four varieties were hand-picked and fermented separately with gentle fermentation techniques resulting in wine of great depth and complexity. We selected the finest barrels of each lot to create the Phenomenon blend. The wine matured for 18 months in new and once-used French oak barrels before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The intensity of the purple color of this wine is matched by the overwhelmingly lush aromatic qualities. The wine exudes captivating, kaleidoscopic aromas of Bing cherry, blackberry, blueberry, allspice, clove, leather, and mace. On the palate it displays a fine grip with notes of melted chocolate, vanilla, and toasty oak.

PAIRINGS

Enjoy this wine with a grilled, simply seasoned porterhouse steak served with broccolini or rapini, polenta, stewed white beans and porcini mushrooms.

Matt Reid, Winemaker

Vineyard:
St. Helena, Estate

Blend Composition:
32% Sangiovese
27% Cabernet
Sauvignon
26% Syrah
15% Merlot

Finished TA:
6.4 grams per liter

Finished pH:
3.80

Alcohol by volume:
14.5%

Production:
283 cases

Suggested Retail:
\$60.00 per bottle